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Alfie Alvarado serves as the Director of YOUR Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs. The Department serves as the statewide advocate for the benefits and services veterans and their families earned.

Alfie was born in Puerto Rico and served 22 years on active duty retiring in August 1993 as Command Sergeant Major of Madigan Army Medical Center and Troop Command, Joint Base Lewis McChord. During her military career, she was the recipient of awards and decorations that include the Legion of Merit, Order of Military Medical Merit, Expert Field Medical Badge and Meritorious Service Medals.

Her experience and education center in the management of medical service delivery and human resources. She is an alumni of the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Program, the University of Washington Executive Management Program and holds a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of the State of New York Regent’s Program.

Alfie Alvarado serves on the boards of directors of the Patrick Madigan Foundation, National Association of State Veterans Homes, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs and the Association of Washington Generals.

She has received local, state and national awards including the Governor’s Distinguished Management Leadership Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award for women in the military from the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) and the VA Secretary’s Leadership Award.